GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:220
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2008
INDO-CHINA RAIL CO-OPERATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have signed a pact for co-operation in the rail sector;

(b) if so, the salient features of the agreement;

(c) the areas identified for co-operation between the two countries;

(d) the extent to which the Indian Railways is likely to be benefited from the experience of China in terms of network expansion, speed raising, modernization and technical upgradation; and

(e) the time for which the MoU is valid?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 220 BY SHRI M.P. VEERENDRAKUMAR AND SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.3.2008 REGARDING INDO-CHINA RAIL CO-OPERATION.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Ministries of Railways of the two countries on 14.01.2008. The MoU will facilitate development of rail-related programmes of mutual interest, consultancies, training and technical assistance. It would enable exchange of information on policies, laws & regulations and exchange programme for experts and trainees.

(c): The areas identified for co-operation under the MoU including Signalling and Telecommunication technologies, Electric Traction Supply system, Heavy Haul operations, Rolling Stock and Cooperation in Research & Development in the Railway Sector.

(d): Chinese Railways have achieved good progress in network expansion, speed raising, modernisation and technology upgradation. Indian Railways would benefit in these areas by the co-operation.

(e): The MoU will be valid for a period of 3 years from the date of its signature.